

LOUDOUN COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION ON YOUTH
MINUTES
MAY 23RD, 2005

Members and Staff in attendance: Carol Kost, Rhonda Walker, Nancy J. Lasik, Delbert White, Jr., Kurt Erickson, Annette Phillips, Lance Kelley, Tim Chesnutt, Randee Ulsh, Jessica Walker, Shannon Walker, Brittany Rose, Alyssa Samuel, Lindsay Samuel, Sean Hampton, Hannah Sweeny, Mallard Owen, Susan Khalil, Ian Khalil, Excused absences were: Eric Scofield, Mike McMullen, Andrew Cypher, Trey Whiteman, Brandon Ballentine, Trent Lugar, John Santosuosso

Call to Order

The Chair, Carol Kost called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm on Monday, May 23rd, 2005.

Approval of Minutes

Correction: Under School Reports- Foxcroft: Instead of Parents attending a meeting with Harmony it should read: Residential staff from Foxcroft attended COPE's adult/parent Drug Info session at Harmony with Rhonda Walker.

MOTION: The motion was made by Brittany Rose, seconded by Sean Hampton, and unanimously approved that the minutes of the April 25th meeting be accepted as corrected.

Public Comments

None

School Reports:

Broad Run

- None

Foxcroft

- Shannon Walker reported that Foxcroft had a Walk-a-thon that raised over \$5,000. This was an 8 mile walk to Middleburg and back. The money collected will go to Cambodia for further work to eliminate landmines. Graduation week is this weekend. Purcellville days was a big success. Over 50 flyers went to several different schools to promote the event. Lindsay and Alyssa Samuel was one of the teen vendors for jewelry sales. Tim Chesnutt congratulated Shannon on a job well done.

Harmony

- Ian Khalil reported that Harmony will be having their Spring carnival this Saturday, May 28th. This carnival is intended for Harmony students only and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be played.

Heritage

- Brittany Rose reported that Heritage had its Hershey meet on Saturday May 21st.

Loudoun County

- Sean Hampton reported that Prom will take place on June 4th at Dulles Marriott.

Loudoun Valley

- Hannah Sweeny reported that Prom was May 21st at Dulles Marriott. Hannah stated that she was only there for 20 minutes and left.

Potomac Falls

- None

Stone Bridge

- None

Loudoun Youth Week Update:

Carol Kost reported that she tweaked the membership process and she sent the packet to each school principal to name 3 representatives to serve on the Advisory Commission on Youth. Carol stated Youth Week is May 31st to June 4th.

- May 31st – Youth Representatives and Government Officials Reception – 6:30pm Loudoun Co. Gov't Center- Carol stated for each member to RSVP with Jackie at 703-737-8042 if attending. Students are welcome to bring their parents. Jessica and Carol will be speaking and it will be a pass the microphone event. Supervisor Snow and York are expected to speak.
- June 1st – Intergenerational Dinner Party – 7:00pm Dominion High School
- June 1st – Culture and Cliques – A Youth Dialogue – 6:00pm Rust Library-
- June 2nd – Youth Night Open House – 7:00pm-9:00pm All Library Branches
- *June 3rd – Loudoun Allstar Battle of the Bands – 6pm Stone Bridge High Auditorium
- June 4th – Loudoun Invitational 'StompFest' Competition and Youth Dance – 6:30-11:30pm – The Barns at Franklin Park

All events are ticketed events except for opening reception and Youth Night Open House.

*Battle of the Bands event is a ticketed event and 80 tickets will be distributed on Friday May 27th to each high school for students to pick up. Loudoun County Parks and Recreation will receive 100 tickets to giveaway for home schoolers, Harmony, Foxcroft, etc. There will be a bus leaving from Parks and Recreation office for youth transportation to this event. Let Jackie know if you need transportation by call 703-737-8042. Stone Bridge is a 950 seating capacity. There will be over \$5000 in prizes given to the winning band and they will open for the performer in the summer concert series on July 24th.

Chair's Report: *Carol Kost*

Carol stated that Dr. Adolf Brown will be at Dominion High School field for a Pep Rally on Thursday May 26th at 1:45pm. Dr. Brown will also be conducting a CAMPUS event at NOVA on Thursday evening.

Carol also strongly recommended that each student go to their principal and fill out an application for renewal in ACOY next year. Tim Chesnutt stated that a letter was sent to each high school counselor recommending each student return but don't assume it went through and fill out the application and take to the counselor yourself. Mal Owen stated that the application is online in Yahoo Groups. If you have any problems using yahoo groups please email Mal at mowen@ebrite.com. Mal states that using yahoo groups is a valuable tool for ACOY. It will send you an automatic message to remind you of the next meeting. The Loudoun Youth Week powerpoint presentation is downloaded on the site. This site cost ACOY \$0. and is a valuable tool of communication.

Carol wanted to encourage all members of ACOY, students and adults, to give input on activities to do next year.

Carol stated that Nancy Lasik and Tim Chesnutt presented the revised Bylaws to Human Services. The report will arrive to the Board of Supervisors on their June 7th meeting.

Carol announced that there are 2 positions open for the Youth Initiative. The Loudoun Youth Initiative Director had over 90 applicants and there will be approximately 12 interviews upcoming for the position. The Loudoun Youth Initiative Specialist position is currently opened and posted on the county website. ACOY has 2 openings, Sterling and Leesburg District Representatives. If you know someone who would be a good candidate for these positions call Carol. Loudoun Youth Inc. 5013C is official. Van Metre Homes, Inc. will be our first donation. They will be selling a 1.4 million dollar house and 25% of the proceeds will be given to the 10 charities. Loudoun Youth Initiative will be one of the ten charities receiving the funds.

The Senior send-off will be held on Saturday June 4th 11:30am at Bonefish in Ashburn. Please RSVP to Charlene Johnson at 703-777-0392.

Carol will be sending out a Public Service Announcement to all schools so the ACOY representative can make school announcement on Loudoun Youth Week by Wednesday or Thursday. Carol stated that the Public Information office send out the information regional.

Delbert White spoke about the Teen Machine- This contract service which the Board of Supervisors donated \$200,000 to pilot will provide transportation to Battle of the Bands, Stompfest, Pony Nationals, etc. If you have an event and need transportation let Delbert know. Delbert also had contacts from Reston Limousine service who wants to get in on the contract.

Seniors Speak

Lindsay Samuel spoke about the 3 interesting years that she has had with ACOY and her involvement with YADDP and the video project that she worked on. She says that her work with ACOY is an experience that will stick with her. She thanked the volunteers for their time and spoke highly of Brittany saying she was a good example of what ACOY needs.

Sean Hampton stated that this was not the end but only the beginning. His 3 years with ACOY has been a memorable one and it has been fun, enlightening and a life changing experience.

Jessica Walker stated that her 4 years has been a monumental experience. Jessica feels that ACOY is the one place where teens can express what they feel and what they need and the adults listen and respond. "This commission has changed me as an individual" says Jessica.

Carol commended each student and stated that they are all awesome.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mayne

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Acting Secretary